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# HOME MAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Home Canners Asked for Repeat Performance" - Information from  
War Food Administration Officials

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"We have canned it before and we will can it again"

That...Mrs. Home Canner... may well be your theme song this year of 1945.

In 1944...some 25 million householders in the United States put up nearly three and a half billion quarts of home preserved food. This included jams and jellies, relishes and preserves, frozen and dried foods as well as canned foods. Home canners accounted for nearly half the vegetables and for two-thirds the canned fruit that graced the dining tables on the home front. Because of their good work, their families and others on the home front have eaten well, this winter.

So it's no surprise that War Food Administration is asking home canners for a repeat performance in 1945.

The need for home canned food...this coming year...will be just as great as it was in 1944. In fact...the stocks of commercially canned fruits and vegetables available to those of us on the home front is now less than at any time during the war. As you know...a little more than 40 percent of the commercial pack now goes to our military forces.

So WFA officials say there must be no let-up in home canning until an adequate supply is absolutely certain.

And that's why home canning is one of the nation's most important wartime programs on the home front in 1945.

